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	Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filled on or after June 8, 1905. See the American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Examiner Namo	Mitchell, J.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider living a continued presecution explication (CFA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (ii) (PTC/SB/29) Instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent form educational provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 10, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gez. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE Practice.

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